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SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION-
GIPME

1. WE PROPOSE THAT IOC ESTABLISH AD HOC TASK TEAM,
RATHER THAN GROUP OF EXPERTS, UNDER GIPME TO DEAL WITH
METHODOLOGY, STANDARDS AND INTERCALIBRATION. IN ADDITION
TO SAVING MONEY, AD HOC TASK TEAM COULD BEGIN WORK
IMMEDIATELY, RATHER THAN AFTER NEXT EC. IF THIS IS
AGREEABLE TO RUIVO AND YOURSELF, US IS PREPARED TO
VOLUNTEER DR. NEIL ANDERSEN (NSF) TO CHAIR THIS
TASK TEAM, AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER SCIENTIST. ANDERSEN
WOULD BE PREPARED TO BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY.

2. WE ALSO PROPOSE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THIS
TASK TEAM: (A) COMPILE A LISTING OF EXISTING
MANUALS CONCERNED WITH THE ANALYSIS OF SEAWATER AND
RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES. IDENTIFY WHERE CONVEN-
TIONAL ANALYSES, STANDARDS AND INTERCALIBRATION
PROCEDURES ARE SUITABLY DEVELOPED FOR USE IN RESEARCH
AND MONITORING PROGRAMS; PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF WHICH
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ANALYSES, STANDARDS AND INTERCALIBRATION PROCEDURES

INCLUDED IN THE MANUALS ARE NOT YET SUITABLY DEVELOPED
FOR USE IN THESE PROGRAMS; AND IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL

ANALYSES, STANDARDS AND INTERCALIBRATION PROCEDURES ARE
NOT INCLUDED IN THE MANUAL; (B) IDENTIFY DEVELOPMENT
EFFORTS WHICH ARE NEEDED TO IMPROVE OR COMPLEMENT THESE
ANALYSES, STANDARDS AND INTERCALIBRATION PROCEDURES
TO ASSURE IN THE LONG-TERM THAT SUCH ANALYSES, STANDARDS
AND INTERCALIBRATION PROCEDURES ARE AVAILABLE FOR
RESEARCH AND MONITORING STUDIES OF ALL PRIORITY
POLLUTANTS; (C) ASSURE THROUGH DISTRIBUTION OF THE
RESULTS OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES TO ASSURE THE WIDEST
POSSIBLE REVIEW AND UTILIZATION OF THE BEST AVAILABLE
ANALYSES, STANDARDS, AND INTERCALIBRATION PROCEDURES;
AND (D) WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHERS APPROPRIATE INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL BODIES CONCERNED WITH
RESEARCH AND MONITORING OF MARINE POLLUTANTS MAXIMIZE
EFFECTIVE COOPERATION AND MINIMIZE OVERLAP.

3. BOTH ANDERSEN AND BROWN WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS
THE POINTS BY TELEPHONE 12/16/76. KISSINGER

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